

REMARKS

The Applicant is submitting this Amendment concurrently with the filing of an RCE application to correct claim 21 to show the markings as required by the Examiner in the Advisory Action of December 7, 2004.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 205-8000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$340 is included in the check which is attached hereto. The Examiner should note that the first (1st) month extension fees were paid with the Amendment filed November 24, 2004.

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Amendment dated December 28, 2004
Response to Advisory Action dated December 7, 2004

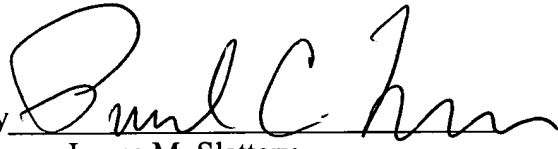
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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